

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **1201**

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 01 2015

RE: S.C.R. No. 171  
S.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2015  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committees on Hawaiian Affairs and Agriculture, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 171 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS TO DEVELOP A STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE PROTECTION OF TARO BY IMPLEMENTING THE PROPOSALS SET FORTH IN ACT 211, SESSION LAWS OF HAWAII 2008, AND THE RECOMMENDATIONS OUTLINED IN THE TARO SECURITY AND PURITY TASK FORCE'S 2010 REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request that the Office of Hawaiian Affairs develop a strategic plan for the protection of taro by implementing the recommendations of the Taro Security and Purity Task Force established by Act 211, Session Laws of Hawaii 2008, and the recommendations set forth in the Taro Security and Purity Task Force's 2010 report to the Legislature.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Taro Security and Purity Task Force, Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs, Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii, Hawaii Farmers Union United, Koolaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club, and two individuals. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Office of Hawaiian Affairs, and Aha Moku Advisory Committee.

Your Committees acknowledge the important and unique role that taro plays with regard to the people and culture of Hawaii. Your Committees specifically recognize the positive impact and

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results arising from the efforts of the Taro Security and Purity Task Force. However, testimony was received by the Office of Hawaiian Affairs and from the Taro Security and Purity Task Force over concern that the Office of Hawaiian Affairs is not the appropriate agency to implement the recommendations of the Taro Security and Purity Task Force. Therefore, the Taro Security and Purity Task Force recommended that this measure be amended to instead acknowledge the Legislature's support of the Taro Security and Purity Task Force's efforts and reformation as a legislatively enabled body, should that be the desire of the taro farming community.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

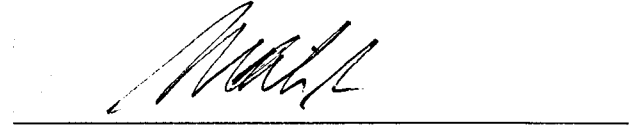
- (1) Removing provisions requesting that the Office of Hawaiian Affairs develop a strategic plan to implement the recommendations set forth in the Taro Security and Purity Task Force's 2010 report to the Legislature;
- (2) Inserting language:
  - (A) Acknowledging the positive impact of the Taro Security and Purity Task Force; and
  - (B) Supporting the reformation of the Taro Security and Purity Task Force as a legislatively enabled body, should the taro farming community determine the need to do so;
- (3) Inserting language requesting the proposed legislatively enabled entity to continue to work with government agencies to determine the most appropriate agency relationship;
- (4) Inserting additional findings;
- (5) Amending its title; and
- (6) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Hawaiian Affairs and Agriculture that are attached to this report, your Committees concur with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 171, as amended herein, and recommend that it be



referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 171, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committees on Hawaiian Affairs  
and Agriculture,

  
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RUSSELL E. RUDERMAN, Chair  
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MAILE S.L. SHIMABUKURO, Chair

The Senate  
Twenty-Eighth Legislature  
State of Hawai'i


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**HWN**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">SCR 171</div>	Committee Referral: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">HWN/AGL, WAM</div>	Date: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">03/30/15</div>		
<div><input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____</div>				
The Recommendation is: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-end;"><div><input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended <small>2312</small></div><div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments <small>2311</small></div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Hold <small>2310</small></div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Recommit <small>2313</small></div></div>				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L. (C)	✓			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood (VC)	✓			
INOUE, Lorraine R.	✓			
KAHELE, Gilbert	✓			
SLOM, Sam	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	5			
Recommendation: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"><div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted</div></div>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.5em; font-family: cursive;">[Signature]</div>				
Distribution: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;"><div>Original File with Committee Report</div><div>Yellow Clerk's Office</div><div>Pink Drafting Agency</div><div>Goldenrod Committee File Copy</div></div>				

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<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312         </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311         </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310         </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313         </div> </div>				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
RUDERMAN, Russell E. (C)	X			
RIVIERE, Gil (VC)	X			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne				X
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.	X			
THIELEN, Laura H.				X
WAKAI, Glenn				X
SLOM, Sam	X			
TOTAL	4	0	0	3
Recommendation: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 5px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted           <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted         </div>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align: center; font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">  </div>				
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